STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

L.T.C. for retired Central Government Employees

2022. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions for grant of travel concessions to retired Central Government employees on the pattern of benefits given to retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes sir.

(b) The considerations on which LTC facility is available to the serving employees are not applicable in the case of retired Central Government employees. As regards the retired Railway and Indian Airlines employees even while in service they were given travel concession on much more liberal terms than other Central Government employees. Hence the retired Central Government employees cannot be equated with the retired Railway employees or Indian Airlines employees in the matter of travel concession. It is therefore, not possible to accept the suggestion for extension of LTC facility to the retired Central Government employees.

Promotional avenues for Junior Observers

2023. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued orders providing promotional avenues for Junior Observers in Central Water Commission:

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the orders cover the Junior Observers with initial recruitment qualification of B.Sc. degree; and

(d) if not, whether clarifications are being issued to cover the category of Junior Observers also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Observers Grade-II previously called Junior Observers (Pay scale Rs. 950-20-1150-EB-25-1400) have been provided promotional avenues to the post of Observer Grade-I, (Pay scale Rs. 1320-30-1560-EB-40-2040) to be filled hundred percent by promotion.

(c) The order covers all the Junior Observers.

(d) Does not arise.

Installation of pump sets in various States

2024. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any aid to the States for installation of pump sets during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the number of pump sets likely to be installed during 1988-89, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Central Government gives aid to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction of minor irrigation works which includes installation of pump sets on ground water structures like wells, tube wells, filter points etc. and surface water sources like pond, river canals etc. For the year 1988-89, the Ministry of

Agriculture under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of assistance to small and marginal farmers for increasing agriculture production has proposed to allocate a sum of Rs. 8892.49 lakhs as Central grant-in-aid for construction of shallow tubewells/ dugwells in the selected districts of following States:

Sl. No.	Name of States	No. of Shallow Tubewell/ Dugwells proposed
1	Assam.	8148
2	Andhra Pradesh . .	41,392
3	Bihar	1,06,576
4	Madhya Pradesh . .	30,000
5	Maharashtra . . .	26,073
6	Orissa	48,236
7	Uttar Pradesh . .	2,12,175
8	West Bengal . . .	61,274

The districts covered in the above States are those which have been identified for Special Foodgrains Production Programme. For the remaining districts of these States and other States a sum of Rs. 3907.49 lakhs as Central share has been proposed out of which 70 per cent is meant for Minor Irrigation Works. As there are no separate allocation for pumpsets, the Statewise figures for pumpsets to be installed are not maintained at the Centre.

Legislation on Government Servants accountability on execution of projects

2025. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 637 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for bringing forward any legislation in order to enforce accountability of Government servants regarding execution of projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) This Ministry has no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Asylum taken by Indian abroad

2026. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian nationals who have taken asylum in foreign countries/foreign embassies during the last three years alongwith the names of such countries; and

(b) the number of foreign nationals who have taken asylum in India/Indian Embassies during the last three years alongwith the names of countries whose nationals took asylum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilisation of funds by States for Development activities

2027. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where funds given by the Central Government for development activities have not been properly utilised and have been squandered away during the last two financial years alongwith the amounts of such grants; and

(b) whether any monitoring in this regard has been done; if so, outcome